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## PORCUPINE BAIT STATION

The control of porcupines is frequently a necessary forest development practice. This is particularly true in areas where pine species are of major importance. One control method found to be successful in controlling porcupines is poisoning with strychnine treated salt blocks attached to "stations."

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First attempts at station construction utilized masonite, plywood, or lumber. Extensive use of these materials has produced an impressive list of deficiencies on their behalf (fig. 3).

This note describes an improved station constructed of aluminum half-round culvert as shown in Figure 1.

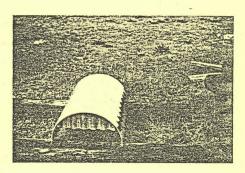
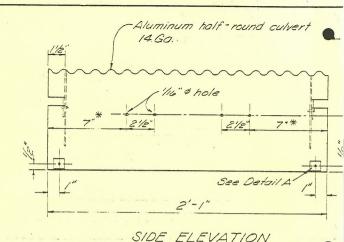


Figure 1 - Aluminum Bait Station



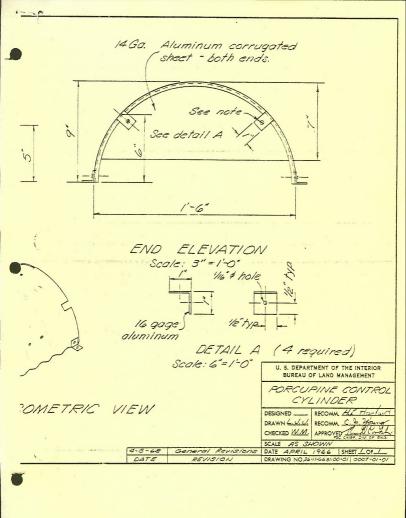
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Scale: 3"= /'-0"

NOTE: Aluminum screws and nails shall be used in fatrication. Fasten unit to railroad ties or similar material. Decadent logs should not be used.

\* Measurement shall vary as needed to locate holes on ridges or in valleys of corrigation.

NOTE: Drilling of 116" \$ hole in tob and bulkhead should be done in one operation to insure proper alignment.



Use of the Aluminum Bait Station gives the following advantages:

- l. Life of the stations is lengthened since the aluminum will not deteriorate.  $% \begin{array}{c} & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ \end{array}$
- Salt blocks are better protected from the weather thereby reducing leeching.
- Stations are very resistant to being crushed by snow, debris, large grazing animals.
  - 4. Porcupines will not damage stations by gnawing.
- Stations are easily deployed due to their light weight and the ease with which several may be stacked together.
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{6}}$  . The stations are more economical due to their greater lifetime.
- 7. Chances for accidental poisoning of game animals and livestock is reduced by the station's durability.

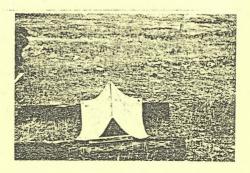


Figure 3 - After three years in the field this station is typical of wood and masonite construction.